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JUDGING EJECTION FAILURE IN DROPLET
EJECTION HEADS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING RCE

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present RCE application, please consider the following.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.